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Vice Admiral D. E. Beary  
President, Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral:

I am most pleased to be able to assign a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency to deliver a lecture on "The Current Russian Oil Situation" on 11 October as an item on the agenda for the War College symposium on the world petroleum situation. We have given considerable attention to the USSR petroleum potential and I believe we have a reasonably factual picture of the current situation there.

I am assigning Mr. Paul L. Hopper who is the acting chief of the CIA section concerned with economic ramifications of the world petroleum situation to this detail and I am sure he will give you an excellent presentation. He will be on the lookout for the schedule and terms of reference for Mr. Hopper's lecture. He will be also available for the seminar on the afternoon of 11 October.

Sincerely,

*Signed - dip via ER 31.*

R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
REAR ADMIRAL, USN  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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